



**DATE:** March 11, 2015

**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Keith Grellner, Chair

**SUBJECT:** HEARING: WAC 246-282-006 WASHINGTON STATE *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* CONTROL PLAN

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### Background and Summary:

The Washington State Board of Health has authority under Chapter 69.30 RCW to adopt rules controlling the sanitary growing and distribution of molluscan shellfish. The Board has adopted such rules as Chapter 246-282 WAC; in 2007 the Board adopted, through emergency rule, Washington's first *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (Vp) control plan. In 2008 the Vp control plan was revised and adopted in permanent rule. On November 8, 2012, the Department of Health sent a memo to the Board recommending that the Vp control plan, WAC 246-282-006, be revised to include more proactive measures that may better protect consumers of shellfish. The Board authorized the request and opened rule making November 29, 2012.

The Department of Health Shellfish and Water Protection Program engaged the shellfish industry and other stakeholders in an open and thorough process to draft a prevention focused Vp control plan. Rick Porso and Laura Johnson, with the Office of Shellfish and Water Protection, are here to briefly discuss this two year effort, the new rule and comments received during the public comment period. Materials related to the Vp control plan can be found under Tab 4.

### Recommended Board Action:

The Board may wish to consider the following motions:

*The Board adopts the proposed revisions to the Vibrio Parahaemolyticus control plan, WAC 246-282-006.*

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